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TELEGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

POSITION OF GREECE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 14.
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that the Turkish peace delegates have been instructed not to meet the Greek delegates in London until Greece has signed the armistice.
The Bulgarian representatives arrived on Friday and the Turkish delegates reached London later in the day.
The Lord Mayor has intimated that it will afford him great pleasure to give a dejeuner in honour of the delegates at the Mansion House.
The opening meeting of the delegates will probably take place on Monday.

BAD SIGNS.

The portents of the Peace Conference are not regarded as being too favourable. Turkey's objection to the presence of the Greeks almost suggests a hitch at the outset, while the interviews published with M. Danell, the President of the Bulgarian Sobranje, en route to London, declaring that the Bulgarian possession of Adrianople was a sine qua non, otherwise the war would be renewed, and with Roshiz Pasha, dwelling on Turkey's greatly improved position, scarcely indicate conciliatory intentions.
The Serbian Press, too, is becoming more violent against Austria, again asserting the Serbian claims for a port on the Adriatic.

ROMANIA'S DESIRE.

The "Koenigsche Zeitung" states that Rumania is desirous of being represented at the Peace Conference of the Ambassadors in London, and the Triple Alliance would support Rumania if it announces its wish.

SERVIA AND ITALY.

The "Tribuna" states that Austria desired that the question of a Serbian port on the Adriatic should be excluded from the Conference of Ambassadors in London, but Italy desired its inclusion. The Italian views appear to be gaining ground.

THE ALLIES UNITED.

The Balkan Delegates had a meeting on Friday night and after a long discussion established a perfect unity of purpose.
A later message states that an improvised conference of the Balkan delegates took place on Friday night and lasted till midnight. It was agreed that the Serbian delegate, M. Novakovich, who was the senior in respect of age, should preside at the negotiations unless the Turks objected, in which case, the chief of each mission would preside alternately. It was agreed that absolute secrecy be maintained. The delegates are absolutely agreed as to the attitude of the allies towards Turkey and the terms to be presented. The meeting concluded with an exchange of the most sincere and most friendly assurances of the unity of the Balkan States.
THE BULGARIAN DELEGATE.
Later.

M. Danell has proceeded to Paris to confer with M. Poincare. Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that M. Danell had a most cordial interview with M. Poincare and then saw the Russian Ambassador, after which he left for London.

BULGARIA'S HOPES.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia states that the speech from the Throne, read at the opening of the Sobranje, congratulates the troops on their glorious victories and trusts that the negotiations in London will result in a Treaty giving legitimate satisfaction to Allies and that it will be unnecessary for them to continue the struggle.
The legislation includes a credit of £2,000,000 for Army purposes.

TELEGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade states that it is said that Serbia is prepared to negotiate with Austria on the following terms:—Serbia to recognise the autonomy of Albania; to leave a port in the Adriatic with which she can communicate freely, engaging not to transform it into a military port; to give Austria-Hungary preference as regards loans for public works; to grant her most-favoured-nation treatment; and revise the tariff in her favour.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

NEW AIR DIVISION.

London, December 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that it admitted that the land acquired at Cuxhaven ostensibly for a military range, there will be a station for a new Air Division of the Navy covering an area of 100 kilometres at a cost of £30,000. A revolving double airship will cost a further £85,000.

BIG MILITARY PROGRAMME.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin says the semi-official "Norddeutsche Zeitung", foreshadows fresh military expenditure. This is regarded as portending supplementary estimates for the development of the Airship Fleet, the formation of new Cavalry Divisions, Howitzer detachments, etc. It is expected that the outlay will be partly met by a new property tax.

THE OPIUM TRADE.

STRONG INDIAN COMPLAINTS.

London, December 14.
The Indian bankers and opium merchants have sent an elaborate petition to the Viceroy calling upon the Imperial and Indian Governments to insist upon the observance of the Anglo-Chinese Agreement by China, whose action is subjecting them to enormous losses. They maintain that if steps are not taken, the Indian Government should take back the opium, for which the merchants had paid exorbitant prices on the understanding that the Treaty would be carried out faithfully.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

SIX POWER GROUP MEET.

London, December 15.
A Conference of the Six-Power Group took place in London yesterday to consider a draft contract for a loan of £25,000,000.
It is assumed that an arrangement has been made with Mr. Crisp, since the Crisp loan precluded China from borrowing money from another source till the middle of 1913, unless Mr. Crisp was given an equal opportunity.

RUGBY.

AFRICANS BEAT WALES.

London, December 15.
The South Africans beat Wales by three points to nil at Cardiff in a Rugby football match.

TELEGRAMS.

ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN.

CONTROVERSY CONTINUES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 15.
The "Morning Post" declares that it has the best authority for stating that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman some time ago took the initiative in urging his colleagues to resign on the subject of the pay and the manning of the Navy. Mr. Churchill conveyed this resolution to Mr. Asquith, which presumably resulted in Mr. Churchill's announcement of the increase in pay. When he acquiesced in Mr. Churchill's suggestion that he should retire, Vice-Admiral Bridgeman was offered the honour of Admiral of the Fleet, but he refused.

NOT ILL-HEALTH.

A representative of the "Standard" interviewed Vice-Admiral Bridgeman at his seat in Yorkshire, where he is hunting three times weekly, and he stated that his resignation was not due to ill-health.

BASELESS STORIES.

The "Observer" states that the stories being circulated as to Vice-Admiral Bridgeman's resignation are baseless, and that Mr. Churchill stated the truth frankly and fully in Parliament. Vice-Admiral Bridgeman, Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, and Admiral Jellicoe were equally staunch supporters of Sir John Fisher's policy, hence there could be no breach of continuity. The story that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman declined promotion to Admiral is absurd.

Captain Fisher, speaking at Hinchelore, said that a sinister aspect of Vice-Admiral Bridgeman's resignation was that it was common report last year that he was only keeping the place warm for another officer. Curiously enough that had occurred.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

Rear-Admiral Warrender has been appointed to the Second Battle Squadron in succession to Rear-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe.

THE INSURANCE ACT.

DOCTORS STILL OPPOSE.

London, December 14.
The doctors are voting on the question of accepting the final offer of Mr. Lloyd George with respect to their work under the Insurance Act, the figures at present being 7,078 against and 1,412 for, or 111 districts against and 10 for.

A meeting of 300 doctors in London agreed to form a National Insurance Practitioners' Association.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

WHAT IT MEANS.

London, December 15.
Mr. Churchill, speaking at the prize-giving in connection with the Naval Volunteers in London, said that Great Britain occupies a fine position in the world. "When the minor Powers of Europe wish a compact of peace they come to London because they know that we do not seek a selfish object and we fear no foe." It was this Navy that gave British diplomacy the power to work effectively for the peace of Europe. It was the Navy which was binding the dominions and leading Imperial union.

TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT HOPES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 14.
The Conference between the North-Eastern Railway and the men's officials has not yet agreed upon the question of the reinstatement of the strikers, but both are hopeful as to a settlement being reached.

SETTLED.

Later.
The North Eastern Railway strike has been settled. Mr. Chester Jones, the London Magistrate, having found that Knox was not drunk. Mr. McEenna advised the King to grant a free pardon.

THE TERMS.

The terms of settlement involved the re-instatement of Knox, if he was found not drunk, the men to resume work immediately on their former pay and in their old positions, paying a fine of six days' pay, the leaders to undertake to prevent spasmodic strikes without due notice in future. The Company were enabled to make the settlement owing to the men taken on or promised promotion accepting money as compensation in lieu thereof.

THE WAR.

A STIFF BATTLE.

London, December 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the battle on the Epirus frontier was interrupted at nightfall. The Greeks had 200 wounded. The principal feature of the engagement was a terrific artillery duel which lasted four hours.

Later.
General Sarpoudjakis' forces on the 12th inst. occupied the heights of Acorachon after a bayonet assault. The Turks on the 13th inst. abandoned Pesta and their whole line took refuge in the fortifications at Janina, which the Greeks are now besieging.

TURKISH VICTORY.

London, December 16.
A message from Constantinople states that reports of a Turkish victory near Janina and the capture of a Greek Mountain Battery have been officially confirmed.

NAVAL HOSTILITIES.

There have been some fruitless cannonading between Greek torpedo boats and Turkish war vessels and forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

SERBIA COMPLAINS.

A telegram from Belgrade states that in consequence of the ever-growing Austrian military measures, Serbia has made representations to Austria complaining of anti-Serbian demonstrations, particularly opposite Belgrade.

THE SHIRAZ MURDER.

BRITAIN DEMANDS REPARATION.

London, December 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Tehran states that Britain has requested reparation on the death of Captain Eckford, of the Indian Army, who was murdered by a tribesman near Shiraz recently. The demand made is for severe punishment of the guilty, and if Persia is powerless to carry out the punishment, it will be incumbent on Britain to take steps to obtain reparation.
Persia has expressed her boundless grief at the incident and promised to make adequate reparation.

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARIES.

MR. WHITELAW REID.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 16.
The death has occurred of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, United States Ambassador to London, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid had a remarkably varied career. In his early days he edited a weekly newspaper in his native county of Ohio, and later he took part in the first campaigns of the Civil War as a Volunteer. Later he became Clerk to the Military Committee of the House of Representatives and then Librarian. Then he went in for cotton planting in Louisiana, and in 1863 joined the editorial staff of the New York "Tribune," of which he became proprietor in 1872. In the following year he became one of the pioneers of the movement for tall buildings in New York, erecting on the site of the old "Tribune" building new structure far higher than any then existing in the city. He also formed a syndicate to purchase undeveloped inventions for type-setting or its equivalent by machinery; from these the linotype developed and was first put into use in his office. He organised the "Gentleman's Linotype" company, established its manufacturing in Brooklyn, became its first President and remained at its head till about the time he was sent abroad as Ambassador to France, which office he held from 1889 to 1892. He was Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States on the ticket with President Harrison in 1897. He has been Ambassador to London since 1905 and his filled the office with marked abilities.

MAJOR GENERAL METCALFE.
London, December 15.
The death has taken place of Major-General Metcalfe, who was besieged in Ladysmith during the Boer War.

[The deceased General retired from the Active List in 1910. He entered the army in 1874 and first saw service in Burma in 1886-7 as a Captain. He also served on the N.W. frontier of India in 1897-8 and was twice mentioned in despatches in the Boer War. He was made Major-General in 1910.]

COCAINE CASE.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 ounces of cocaine.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. Marcus Slade K.C. instructed by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, defended.

A dock coolie from Kowloon gave evidence for the prosecution, saying that he was engaged to carry the stuff.

The cocaine, it was stated, was concealed in bales of waste newspapers.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

STEAMER REPORTS.

Incoming steamers report as follows:—
Machew, from Cebu: Strong N.E. winds and high sea.
Changchow, from Tientsin: Strong monsoon and following sea in the Formosa Channel.
Chinhua, from Shanghai: N.E. wind, moderate sea and fine weather.
Triumph, from Haiphong: Fair.
Hansgang, from Shanghai: Fresh N.E. monsoon.
Haiching, from Swatow: Moderate Northerly winds and variable weather.
Lovat, from Liverpool: Strong N.E. monsoon from Singapore to Hongkong; two days late.
Waiching, from Chinwanao: Fine N.E. monsoon, moderate sea.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL BOTHA.

RESIGNS PREMIERSHIP.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 15.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Cape Town states that the Right Hon. Louis Botha (Premier of South Africa) has resigned, owing, it is believed, to a prolonged conflict with the extreme Dutch party in the Cabinet, headed by M. Hertzog.

NEW ADMINISTRATION.

London, December 16.
Lord Gladstone, Governor of South Africa, has invited General Botha to form a new Administration.

LOCAL SPORT.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

Hongkong "B" v. Civil Service.
A good League match took place on Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground, between Hongkong "B" team and the Civil Service. Thanks to the batting of Hutchison, Witcheil and Brawn, the visitors were able to secure 115 runs before the tenth wicket fell. For Hongkong, the Rev. Hastings was particularly useful with the ball, taking four wickets for 27 runs. The Hongkong "B" team replied with 120 for 9 wickets, the chief scorers being Stephenson Jellie 33, R. Hancock 30 and S. S. Moore 27. The Civil Service bowling was very even, the best average being that of Hamilton, 3 wickets for 20. The scores were:—

Civil Service	
E. R. Poole R. N. b Hastings	7
G. R. Sayer b Hastings	0
F. A. Bidden b Hastings	1
T. Ellis b w b Dodwell	0
H. A. Cox b Dodwell	0
R. O. Hutchison b Dodwell	33
R. C. Witcheil b R. Hancock	21
b Dodwell	21
R. E. O. Bird c b Dodwell	9
A. O. Brawn c Dodwell, b Hastings	27
H. T. Jackman stpd. R. Hancock, b Dodwell	6
E. W. Hamilton not out	10
Extras	1

Total... 115

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hastings	14.1	8	27
Dodwell	19	2	59
Claxton	7	0	19
Stephenson-Jellie	0	0	0
Hongkong "B" Team.			
A. A. Claxton c Bird, b Witcheil	9		
Stephenson-Jellie l.b.w., b Witcheil	33		
S. S. Moore c Hamilton, b Witcheil	21		
A. E. Fowler c Poole, b Witcheil	0		
R. Hancock not out	30		
S. H. Dodwell c Bidden, b Hamilton	7		
H. Hancock b Hamilton	13		
A. O. Long b Hamilton	1		
M. M. Mas l.b.w., b Bird	1		
Rev. Hastings b Cox	0		
R. P. Thurstield did not bat	5		
Extras	1		

Total... 120

Bowling.

M.	O.	R.	W.
R. E. O. Bird	10	1	36
R. C. Witcheil	11	1	48
H. A. Cox	23	0	11
E. W. Hamilton	3	0	20

TELEGRAMS.

AVIATION ACCIDENT.

A FATAL FALL.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 16.
While Naval Lieutenant Parke was monoplaneing from London to Oxford with a passenger, the machine fell a distance of 150 feet at Wembley, the accident being due to the failure of the motor. Both were killed.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Balkan Peace Conference opens in London to-day.

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Fresh military expenditure is foreshadowed in Germany, the outlay to be partly met by a new property tax.

Persia has expressed boundless grief at the murder of Captain Eckford and promised to make adequate reparation.

The controversy over the retirement of Vice Admiral Bridgeman still continues at Home, and varying views are expressed.

Voting on the question of Mr. Lloyd George's final offer to doctors under the Insurance Act, is going against its acceptance.

Mr. Churchill has declared that it is the Navy which gives British diplomacy the power to work effectively for the peace of Europe.

Through the monoplane in which they were flying falling a distance of 150 feet at Wembley, Naval Lieut. Parke and a passenger were killed.

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The railway strike has been settled; Knox, the dismissed engine-driver, is to be reinstated, being found not guilty of drunkenness by the London Magistrate.

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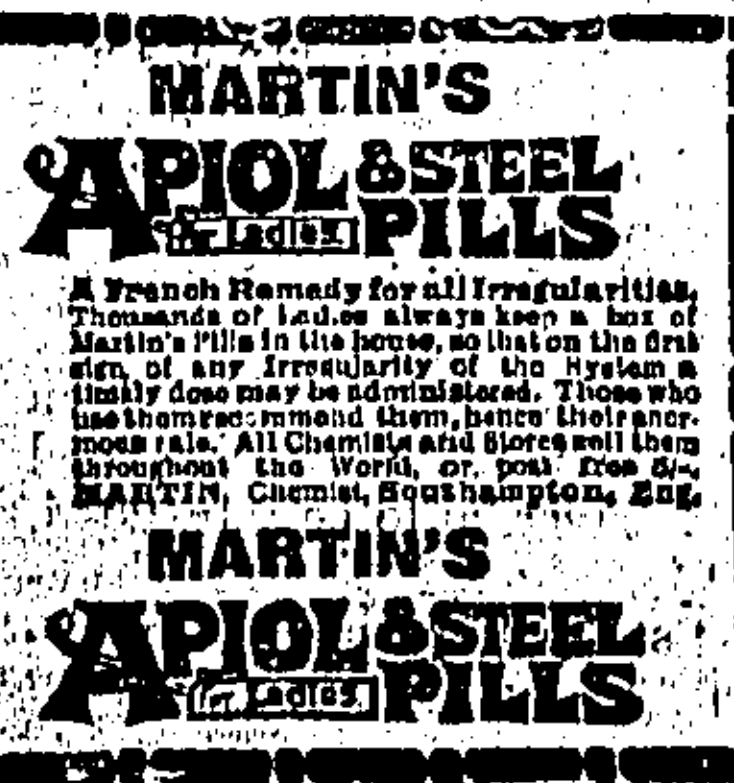
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South China Morning Post.

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under the proposed Ordinance.
There is not the slightest doubt
that, unless the boycott comes
quickly to an end, the Govern-
ment means to indemnify the
resultant loss at the expense of
the boycotters. And yet there is
call for the greatest caution.
However just the Government
may attempt to be in its appli-
cation of such a law, the inno-
cent may suffer with the guilty.
In order to avoid the penal-
ty, Chinese British subjects
should therefore realize as quickly
as possible that it is up to them to
offer ungrudging support to the
Government. And the best way
to support the Government will
be to disclose the names and
whereabouts of mischief makers
so that the latter may be dealt
with according to the law. The
question asked in the 'South
China Morning Post' last week.—
Who governs Hongkong?—has
been speedily and emphatically
answered. No Chinese dictator-
ship is to be tolerated here.
Patience has been exhausted.
The Government means business.
The strong hand is asserting
itself.

Daily Press.

The Tramway Boycott.

We are aware, in fact, that three
or four editors of local Chinese
newspapers have received anonym-
ous letters threatening them
with death on a repetition of the
"offence" of publishing a com-
munique from the Registrar-
General on the subject of the
boycott. These threats have been
incidental to other difficulties of
the kind in the past, but we con-
not recall, at the moment, a
single instance of a threat of
this nature being carried out
or attempted to be carried out.
We doubt very much whether
the conduct of the whole Chinese
community is governed by fear
inspired by threats of this charac-
ter, anonymously made maybe, by
a single individual. If there is
in existence any organised body
directing the boycott the fact must
be known to the Chinese, and it
would be the obvious duty of any
law-abiding citizen to denounce
it to the governing authorities of
the Colony. There is no resist-
ing the conclusion that if the
leading Chinese of the Colony
had been in entire sympathy with
the Government of the Colony
in upholding the right of the
Tramway Company to refuse all
other but the legal currency of
the Colony, the boycott would
have been ended long ago. It has,
in fact, been maintained for three
weeks, and during the whole of
that time it has been a rare thing
to see a Chinese passenger on the
cars, whereas before the boycott
thousands travelled on the cars
daily. Only one construction can
be placed upon the facts, and the
legislation which the Government
proposes to introduce seems a
fensible and practical means of
coping with the situation.

China Mail.

The Naval "Incident."

In their party zeal, those
ultra-partisans apparently never
thought it possible that Mr.
Churchill in such a matter would
be actuated by the feelings of a
gentleman or treat so serious a
question as the possible resigna-
tion of a distinguished public
servant otherwise than with the
utmost delicacy. The most
Machiavellian motives were more
readily welcomed. Even after an
eminently conclusive answer to
the imputations, all that the Naval
correspondent of the "Daily
Telegraph" condescends to say
is that "Mr. Churchill's statement
with reference to Vice-Admiral
Bridgeman may be accepted
as accurate,"—which, to say the
least, strikes one as being decid-
edly impertinent in its baldness.
The facts doubtless were that the
Vice-Admiral was reluctant to
resign, no matter how unfit his
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GENERAL NEWS.

Footballer's Illness.
Footballers throughout the world will learn with regret that Mr. H. O. Stafford, the English Rugby international and captain of Bedford Rugby Club, is lying dangerously ill. The illness is attributed to internal growth.

A Riot at Wuhu.
Wuhu, December 7.—A riot took place here last night. The shops were closed and the streets barricaded, but only a few houses were looted. The British Consul warned foreign residents of the danger at twelve o'clock midnight. The disturbance was caused by some disbanded soldiers who had been unpaid.

The Mongolian Telegraphs.
A Peking message to "Asahi" states that since the telegraph office at Kulung has been occupied by the Mongolian army, the Chinese authorities have been experiencing great inconvenience in connection with the working of the telegraph. The Chinese Government has therefore decided to send an Englishman to take charge of the telegraph office, and the man appointed has left Changchakou for Kulung with an escort of 200 troops.

Cholera in Kobe and Osaka.
A diver, who has been engaged on the Kobe harbour works, after suffering for several days from a severe attack of cholera, was taken to the Prefectural hospital, where on the evening of the 3rd instant the case was pronounced to be one of cholera. The patient was instantly isolated. A sendo employed by the Kobe Pier Company, who left the port on Nov. 30th for Osaka on a lighter, while his vessel lay anchored off the Ajikawa Harbours was suddenly taken ill; medical investigation showed the case to be one of cholera.—"Japan Chronicle."

Peking Boycott to Cease.
Peking, December 10.—Appreciating the assistance rendered to the new government by the Russo-Asiatic bank against which the Chinese recently declared a boycott, the government yesterday issued orders that the boycott should cease forthwith. This action is in no way connected with the present disagreement between the Chinese and Russian governments, but is understood to be only an act of gratitude toward the owners of the bank who came forward with funds at crucial periods of the recent revolution and aided materially in the success of the Republicans.

The Inundations in Korea.
The official figures just published in Seoul of the damage done to life and property in Korea by the inundations following the storms in July and September last, are as follows:—Killed, 203; Injured, 113; houses collapsed, 22,569; houses flooded, 42,880; bridges washed away, 2,202. In addition to the above, railways and roads were damaged at different places, an extensive area of cultivated land was flooded or covered with sand, and river banks gave way in many places. The total damage to property is estimated at about £5,807,288.

Motor Hearse in Collision.
An alarming accident occurred recently in Bridge-road, Battersea, when a glass motor funeral hearse came into violent collision with a motor lorry owned by the Co-operative Civil Service Company (Limited). The vehicle was descending the rather steep decline from Battersea Bridge at a good speed, when the hearse emerged from Park-road. The impact was so great that the glass hearse was thrown on to the front of a General omnibus and completely wrecked. The drivers had wonderful escapes from serious injury.

The Indian Public Services Commission.
Allahabad, 15th November. The Local Governments have been addressed by the Government of India in connection with the Royal Commission on the Indian Services with a view to the examination of witnesses. The tour programme of the Commission has not yet been definitely settled, but the original place of meeting may be Madras, instead of Bombay. Although no detailed programme of the forthcoming Commission has been drawn up it seems likely that an examination of witnesses will begin at Madras on the 8th of January. Various sets of questions will be forwarded to the Local Government in the course of the next few weeks.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Captain Lovedale R.G.A.
Captain F. W. Lovedale, Royal Garrison Artillery, is appointed Brigade Major, Abbottabad Brigade.

General Davison.
Major-General Davison, C. B., commanding Nasirabad Brigade, is granted leave out of India for six months.

R. E. Officers in India.
Lieutenant Baumbarger, R. E., Public Works Department, has been selected for appointment to the Sappers and Miners employed in the Lohit country. 2nd-Lieutenant Wileeler, R. E., on arrival in India for a tour on duty is posted to Military Works in the Meerut Division.

"Control" and "Director"

Firing Test.
Very keen interest is being taken (says the "Naval and Military Record" of November 8) in the competitive firing of the battleships Thunderer and Orion, which are in Bantry Bay awaiting rough weather in which to test under the most exacting conditions, the relative merits of Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott's "fire director" invention and the Admiralty method of "fire control." The ship will fire simultaneously at two targets placed two miles apart, the range in each case being ten thousand yards. The Thunderer is fitted with Sir Percy Scott's fire director device, which up to the present has exceeded all expectations in fire organization as regards both rapidity and accuracy. The Orion carries the arc-control equipment which was adopted by the Admiralty some years ago and has helped largely towards bringing about the present standard of gunnery efficiency in the British fleet.

The Orion, which now bears the flag of Rear-Admiral Rosslyn E. Wemyss, has proved to be a good gunnery ship, and has also the advantage of having been in commission over ten months, whereas the Thunderer was not commissioned until June 15—an important difference in a matter which depends largely upon the gunnery department of a ship's company.

The trials will be carried out in the presence of flag officers, viz., Vice-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, in the Hercules flagship of the Second Squadron; Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, in the Thunderer; Rear-Admiral Rosslyn Wemyss, in the Orion, flagship of the Second Battle Squadron; Rear-Admiral Sir George Warrender, in the Indomitable, flagship of the second Cruiser Squadron; Rear-Admiral Montagu Browning, inspector of target practice; and Rear-Admiral R. H. Peirce, a former inspector of target practice.

Sir Percy Scott's Invention.
A further report from Berne states that the result of the comparative tests, which have been held between the battleships Thunderer and Orion is to establish definitely the superiority of Sir Percy Scott's system of director firing over that hitherto in use. For four years it has been questioned whether the new method was superior to the old and it was to settle the matter conclusively that the Admiralty ordered the experiments to take place between the Thunderer, which was fitted with the new invention, and the Orion, which was not. The two vessels were ordered to fire at the same time with the same range and targets, and to make the trial as effective as possible it was ordered to be held in the Atlantic in rough weather, not necessarily in a storm, but with the ships rolling at least five degrees each way. Under these conditions the Thunderer made five times as many hits as the Orion, and completely eclipsed all previous records of firing, including those obtained in fine weather. It is said that the broadsides of the Thunderer, sometimes from five and sometimes from ten guns, seemed to rain on the target. The new system, says the "Times", will be fitted to all armoured ships with the least possible delay.

New Chinese Admiral.
The Chinese Minister of Marine has appointed Mr. Li Ting-sing, Naval Inspector on the Yangtze, to succeed to the post of Chief of the Naval Staff at Shanghai, vacated by the death of Admiral Huang Chang Yin. The new Admiral was to take over his duties in Shanghai on the 9th inst.

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DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

The "Times" on the F. M. S. Warship.

We live in breathless times, and every morning presents us with so varied a diet of news that those who mark it all must have robust and eager minds, says the "Times." The swift march of events in the Balkans, and our sudden crisis at home, have matter enough in themselves to keep our interest strained; and it is not perhaps unnatural that other events of no less import and weight have attracted something less than their due measure of public note. Chief among these is the public-spirited action of the Federated Malay States in presenting to the British Government a first-class armoured ship. Were Parliament less burdened than it is, we should have been glad to see some worthier notice given to that event than a mere question and answer across the floor of the House. The British Government, however, has rightly accepted the gift in terms of warm acknowledgment, and we can assure the rulers and peoples of those distant States that the appreciation expressed by the Colonial Secretary is strongly and sincerely endorsed by the whole people of the British Isles. Not all the public, we suspect, has realized as yet how striking and significant the action is. It is not much to say that such an offering from four subject peoples to an Empire swayed by an alien and distant race has found no place in history hitherto. The value of the gift is not in magnitude alone, though by that measure only it is remarkable enough. The joint revenue of the four States had made great strides in recent months, but it is still, if we are not mistaken, a good deal short of five millions sterling a year. Half a single year's revenue, even though spread over a period of five years, is, generous indeed as a gift from Dependencies of such moderate stature and such recent growth. But the moral significance of the event is incomparably more marked. Alone of all Empires in history or in the modern

world we have united States and peoples in every stage of civilization beneath a common system of allegiance to law. Of this common allegiance the enduring symbol is the Crown, but its vital and inspiring principle is a standard of impartial justice and a code of government for the common good which the British people as a whole have made and cherished and spread. No auto-cracy in the world has ever risen to that spirit of trusteeship for the welfare of subject peoples which the various systems of British government throughout the world have never altogether failed to display. No autocracy has received so moving and unprompted a return of confidence as we now welcome in this gift. In a keen and sudden light it reveals the Empire as a power without parallel for reconciling the most divergent levels of civilization and the most profound disparities of race in some uniting sense of common interest and aim.

Precautions Against Cholera in France.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Sanitary precautions against the introduction of cholera into France have been adopted at Marseilles and also on the railway lines which connect with the Orient route. The passengers to France from Constantinople via Kustendji (Constantinople) and Bakarest are said to be very few in number, and, although mail bags continue to be despatched from France by this route, none or next to none are said to be arriving from the Near East. The work of control and disinfection is, therefore, simplified. Travellers by the land route from Constantinople are, moreover, subject to medical control at Kustendji, in Austria, and finally in Germany before they reach France. All ships from Turkish ports are now subject to quarantine on their arrival in French waters.

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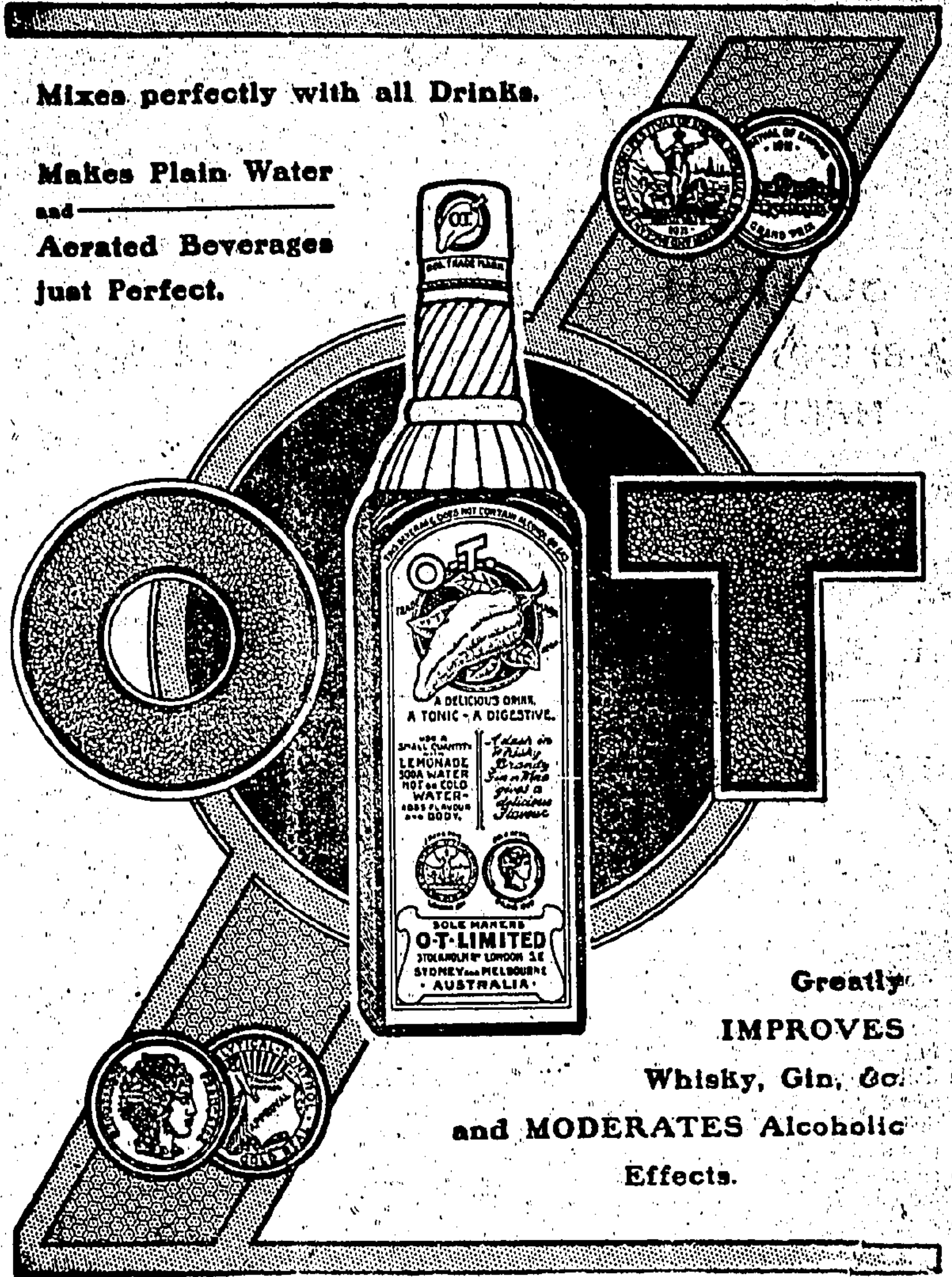
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1912.

THE BOYCOTT ORDINANCE.

Only on Thursday last, in discussing the tramway boycott, we stated our belief "that masterly schemes have quickened and are almost ready to be brought forth, which will crush this insolent repudiation of our coinage forever." Saturday's issue of the "Government Gazette" amply justified the confidence expressed in these words. At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a Bill is to be introduced "to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings". Important as this is in itself, it gathers greater force from the fact that the "Gazette" contains also a proclamation by His Excellency the Governor declaring the Colony subject to the provisions of Sections 7 to 14 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance. These sections, our readers will remember, were made operative at the time of the Chinese Revolution and were afterwards recalled.

Drastic measures were necessary, and the Government has not hesitated to adopt them. Such a boycott as has been continued for the past three weeks cannot be permitted in a British Colony; and the Government must be congratulated on the fact that the steps it proposes to take shall not only end the present boycott but shall prevent a recurrence of the same undesirable methods in the future. It was necessary to bring home to the Chinese community the fact that this is a British Colony, governed by the British and not by guild leaders, undesirable Canton politicians, and the like. And the Government has not hesitated to adopt very drastic steps in order that that truth shall be fully driven home. Ever since the beginning of the boycott we have urged the need for strong measures, at once corrective and deterrent. It is impossible to meet a determined Chinese boycott, the ringleaders of which remain undiscovered (or who, at any rate, leave no loophole for the leakage of proof of their identity) and who work mysteriously and to such purpose, by kid-glove methods.

The Bill proposes, therefore, to punish not only individuals but districts. Any area where a boycott exists may be declared "a boycotting district," and a special rate may be levied from the inhabitants of that district. By means of that rate any person who has suffered loss as the result of the boycott, may be reimbursed. At a first glance these might appear harsh provisions in respect of the fact that the innocent, in a boycotted area, might suffer with the guilty; but the care with which the Bill has been drafted is abundantly proved by the fact that certain persons may be exempted from the operation of the levying clause. We interpret this as meaning that persons innocent of intention to boycott or intimidate have only to prove their innocence, and punishment will not fall upon them. Here is a Bill, therefore, which, in our view, meets the needs of the case. It is impossible to treat Chinese boycott leaders as though they were westerners; they must be met on their own ground and dealt with by methods of no uncertain firmness. The sole object of the Chinese leaders in instigating this Tramway boycott is to punish that Company for its presumption in refusing to accept other than British coins in payment of fares. The Company must be made, through pecuniary loss, to suffer for its action. The Government will, should the proposed Ordinance become law, be in a position to reimburse the Tramway Company for any and all losses it may sustain through the boycott, by levying a tax upon certain districts declared to be boycotted areas. The instigators and their supporters will then be made to pay the piper. The Company boycotted will suffer no loss, no punishment. Therefore the boycott is futile and the sooner it is declared "off," the better for all interested in it. The better-thinking Chinese must recognise this, must acknowledge too, the characteristic British sense of fairness underlying the exemption clause in the Bill. The Government, in a word, has found a fine cure for insolence and swollen head.

Encouraging Education.

Lack of education has spoiled the chances of many a lad who has been compelled to leave school at an early age and take his place in the office or the factory, though with the huge network of evening continuation schools, spread all over the United Kingdom, the problem is not now so acute as it was ten or twenty years ago. In this connection it is of interest to note a point connected with the evening classes arranged by the Sheffield Education Committee; namely, that eleven important firms in the city have adopted definite schemes whereby they encourage their clerks and apprentices to continue their education.

Excellent Schemes.

We note, for instance, that Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., have a system whereby the fees which the boys pay are refunded and their wages are increased by one shilling a week for every examination which they pass. It is thus possible for a youth to earn advances of three shillings a week as the result of one session's work. Another firm, Messrs. John Brown and Co., excuse their youths from starting work until after breakfast on mornings following attendance at evening classes, while Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons, Ltd., return fees and also give money rewards for successful examinations. In face of developments such as these, there is nowadays little excuse for lads who either neglect or are permitted to neglect educational influences.

Admiral Bridgman.

It seems impossible at present to get any very clear idea as to the cause of Vice Admiral Bridgman's retirement. Following upon a variety of statements in the House, and by leading Home papers, to the effect that the Admiral's retirement was due to ill health, we now hear that that gentleman is hunting vigorously, three times a week, and must therefore be in tolerably good health; and, further, that he has given a direct denial to Mr. Churchill's announcement. Surely he is the most likely person to know. This is not the first time, by the way, that Mr. Winston Churchill has been known to make a statement without having first verified his facts.

Another Strike Ended.

Everyone will be relieved to hear that the latest and most ludicrous of strikes has come to an end. We ventured the statement the other day that the British workman is a bit of an ass where an eye to his own best interests is concerned. In this particular case he has been idle for over a week, presumably on a strike-pay that is considerably under the amount of his ordinary day's wage; and now he has gone back to work, on the understanding—among other things—that he is to be fined six days' pay. Granted he has won the moral victory of seeing his work-fellow restored to his post, but if this could not have been done without declaring a strike, we are greatly mistaken in our estimate of John Bull's general sense of fairness. As with most other strikes, the striker has decidedly not come off best.

FRENCH MAIL DELAYED.

The Messageries Maritimes Co. inform us that telegrams received on Saturday stated that the Company's outward steamer *Amazon* will arrive from Saigon on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight; and that the homeward steamer *Ernest Simons* is detained in Shanghai for some engine repairs, the duration of which is still unknown.

The s.s. "Amazon" will probably leave for Shanghai on Wednesday evening.

THE ADAMASTOR.

On Saturday, Don Annibal de Loug-a-Dias, Commander of the Portuguese cruiser "Adamastor," paid an official visit to the Portuguese Consul and to-day the Portuguese Consul, Commandador Leiria, returned the courtesy, and was saluted by the guns of the wharves.

It is understood that the Portuguese cruiser will be in the harbour of the Colony for several days.

DAY-BY-DAY.

Habit will reconcile us to almost everything, though at first disagreeable.

Child's Body Found.

The body of a Chinese male about a week old has been found on the Saikang Road, near Kowloon city.

Death of Mrs. Cordeiro.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mrs. Cordeiro, wife of Mr. Daniel Antonio Cordeiro, at 8, Seymour Terrace. The funeral took place this afternoon.

Ear-Ring Found.

We are advised that there was found at Government House after the ball on 12th instant, one ear-ring with screw attachment. The owner can obtain the same on application to the A.D.C.

Unlawful Possession.

Mr. Hazeland fined a man who was brought before him, at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of opium, \$75, with an alternative of six weeks' imprisonment.

Christmas Mail from Home.

The Post Office notifies that the parcel mail due by the s.s. *Delta* from Home on Friday—the Christmas mail—will not be ready for delivery until 11 a.m. on the following day.

Making Enquiries.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of 46 tael of opium on board the *Paul Beau*. The case was remanded for enquiries to be made.

Counterfeit Coin.

Before Mr. Melbourne at the Police Court to-day, a man was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks, for uttering, and having in his possession, a quantity of counterfeit ten cent pieces.

Only Once a Year.

A man who was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with having calendars without a licence was fined \$1 or, in default three days. Defendant said he only hawked once a year (laughter).

Young man Injured.

A Chinese, aged about seventeen years, was removed to hospital yesterday by the police at Tsun Tsu Tsui. He was found lying on the Canton Road with wounds on the face, which he said had been caused by an Indian who had run away.

Pocket Picking.

Two boys were brought before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, to-day, and charged with picking pockets. One of them was discharged, and the other, who had previous convictions, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a birching.

Bank-note Trick.

An old woman living in Stanley Street has reported to the police that whilst she was walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday, she was accosted by two men who obtained from her by the bank-note trick a pair of bangles valued at about \$40.

Bail Estreated.

John Smithson and George Campbell, who were charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police, were allowed bail of \$10 each. They failed to appear at the Police Court, this morning and Mr. C. D. Melbourne estreated the bail in each instance.

Alleged False Pretences.

Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the complainant in a case at the Police Court, this morning, in which a man was charged with receiving \$110 in banknotes by means of false pretences. The case was remanded until Thursday, bail in \$500 being allowed.

Powder Forfeited.

A man charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in possession of fifteen cartons of gun powder for blasting purposes, without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, and not having the powder marked "dangerous," was fined \$25, and the powder was forfeited.

THE AVIATION MEETING.

M. Kouzminsky's fine flights at Sha-tin.

Saturday's aviation meeting at Sha-tin was very well attended. The weather appeared to be all that could be desired for a successful flight—warm, clear and windless, though M. Kouzminsky informed a "Telegraph" representative subsequently that he found the upper air distinctly chilly and that a sharp wind current was almost unpleasantly perceptible soon after he began to rise.

The Blériot monoplane, in which the celebrated aviator ascended, is on the dragon-fly principle; a long slender body constructed of strips of lancelwood, two broad and lengthy wings forward and two much smaller ones right aft. In the front part of the machine is a propeller of hard wood, controlled by the well-known Gnome motor engine, and the whole construction must be said to be far simpler than one had been led to suppose. Its entire weight does not exceed 250 kilos.

The enormous power of the propeller is a considerable surprise to the novice; no sooner did M. Kouzminsky put this in motion than one fancied one was in a heavy gale; hats flew off in all directions and one almost expected to see hair and heads follow the hats.

After a few yards' brisk run on the two small pneumatic-tyred wheels forward, the monoplane rose bird-like, with a singular ease and grace that was all the more astonishing in that the average person has long ago made up his mind that an aeroplane is a blundering, cumbersome thing—a sort of outrage on nature. As one watched M. Kouzminsky rise it was impossible not to wish to change places with him.

After shooting straight for the hill summits beyond Sha-tin, the machine rose till it looked little bigger than a hawk and then proceeded to make a brilliant series of circular flights, and finally alighted within about a hundred yards of its starting-point. M. Kouzminsky considered that, at his highest, he must have reached about 1,000 metres. He was received with rounds of hearty applause by the spectators, among whom were Lady May and Miss May, (attended by Captain Taylor), and Consul and Madame Leiria. When M. Kouzminsky had been presented to Lady May, her ladyship asked to have the mechanism explained to her and took the very keenest interest in watching the aviator's illustrations of the wonderful power of his machine.

Mr. Kouzminsky gave another exhibition of graceful flying yesterday, and the European spectators were most enthusiastic, much to the aviator's gratification.

In an interview with a representative of the "Telegraph," Mr. Kouzminsky said:

"I am sorry that I could not stay any longer, or reach a greater height, but when I got above 700 feet the winds were baffling, coming from every direction, and fall of what we call 'air holes.' I dropped about 300 feet through one, as you probably noticed, and I am assured you that it is not a comfortable sensation to feel one's self falling through practically a vacuum."

"Hoxey, Molossant, and several other good air men have lost their lives through failing to retain their balance in these 'air holes,' and no aviator cares almost to ask for death when these conditions are prevalent. Some day an invention may be made that will enable us to photograph air currents; just as we photograph the effects of whirlpools, water spouts, and other phenomena of the sea to-day; but until that time every aviator will invariably descend, when these so-called invisible air-buys are all about him."

Mr. Kouzminsky remarked on the fact that the Chinese boycott had been the subject of his exhibition. "I understand," he said, "that this was because, in my Chinese posters, I was advertised as the Russian aviator. As a consequence of Russia's action in connection with Mongolia, the Chinese dislike Russians. I have sent a dispatch to my father, who is the President of the Senate at St. Petersburg, and I know that he will have questions made there about this matter."

H. E.'S VISIT TO JAPANESE ADMIRAL.

H. E. Sir Henry May visited the flagship of Admiral S. Tachibana this morning. He was accompanied by his personal staff. After having inspected the Japanese warship, H. E. returned to the Naval Dockyard. A salute was fired on his reaching the warship.

GERMAN RESIDENT'S DEATH.

Many readers will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Sonksen of Hongkong, and formerly of Bredstadt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Since May, 1907, Mr. Sonksen has been an assistant at the Medical Hall in Ice House Street, and proved himself to be tireless in his work, and thorough in his determination to improve his knowledge of medicine.

Mr. Sonksen was about 35 years of age, and his mother is believed at present to be in Bredstadt.

The deceased gentleman had been in the Colony for nearly six years, and he was highly popular among the German residents in the Colony.

Mr. Sonksen died on Saturday, at the Matilda Hospital, of heart failure, and the interment took place on Saturday evening, at Happy Valley.

Many lovely floral tributes were placed on the grave by hosts of friends.

The German Pastor, Herr von Prokt, officiated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

DEFEATING THE BOYCOTTERS.

[To the Editor, of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir, There is one woman, who is solving the problem of Hongkong versus Chinese money very much to her own satisfaction and to the deep chagrin of a number of Chinese merchants.

She keeps a supply of Chinese coins on hand and pays all bills under ten dollars in that currency. When objections are raised, she takes great pains as well as glee in pointing out to her Celestial creditors that if Chinese coins are as good as Hongkong, and that the boycott of the tram-line because of the refusal to accept the former as fare, is a just one, then the Chinese cannot refuse to accept that which they are trying to force on the Tram Company.

That some of these merchants have done some quick thinking about the relative value of money is evidenced by the fact that without exception the Chinese coins have been accepted in profound silence accompanied by a slow retreat from the woman's home and the latter is pocketing the exchange with the promise of a new hat in the near future.

One recalls the story of the mouse that gnawed the cords that bound the lion and set him free and wonders what effect numerous doses of their own medicine delivered to them by the small buyers of the Colony would have upon the minds of the boycotters.

"Interested"

Hongkong Dec. 13, 1912.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged with assaulting another Chinese on the Shaikwan Road, and stealing from him a cap and an umbrella. Complainant who appeared with bandaged head said the defendant came up behind him and after giving him a blow on the head, made off with his cap and umbrella.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said he was an unemployed coolie and slept in the streets. He had no relatives in Hongkong.

A Police Sergeant deposed that Sanitary Inspector Withnell happened to be walking along the road, and hearing shouts of "save life," ran in the direction from whence the cry came. He saw the accused coming out of the bush near the cable house. Mr. Withnell searched him, and found the cap in defendant's sleeve. The umbrella was afterwards found in the bush.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

THE CANTON MURDER.

Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

A further stage in the case of the soldier Ibrahim, a private in the 126th Baluchistan Light Infantry, convicted of the murder of Ali Shafa, was commenced this morning when application was made for the issue of a writ of habeas corpus. It will be remembered that Ibrahim stood his trial twice before a jury, being convicted on the second trial. During those two hearings the question was raised by the defence as to whether the Crown had proved the jurisdiction of the Court. In a subsequent sitting of the Full Court, composed of the Chief Justice, Mr. W. Rees Davies K.C. and Mr. Justice Gompertz, the decision came to be against the defendant.

This morning the application was made by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind, while the Attorney General, Mr. J. A. S. Bucknill, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. H. Kemp, appeared for the Crown.

Not a New Point.

Mr. Jenkin said this was an application for a writ of habeas corpus to challenge on behalf of Ibrahim, the Jurisdiction of that court, and incidentally the Jurisdiction of the Consul-General at Shameen. If he might, quite rapidly, do so he would point out that the question of jurisdiction had not been taken after all other matters had failed, but had been taken, by him, on behalf of the prisoner, from the first time he addressed the Court. Therefore it was not a new point, that would be of some importance when he showed them that to grant, which was to some extent one of right, was also to some extent within the discretion of their Lordships. He was entitled, he would submit, to the issue of the writ of habeas corpus, not as a right but as a course; but if he disclosed probable grounds for challenging the jurisdiction of the court and the Consul at Shameen, then he was entitled to the writ, as of right.

The first point that he wished to make was that the application was made by virtue of the common law and not by virtue of the statute at all. The statute, 6 Charles 1, chap 10, commonly called the Habeas Corpus Act, held that in case of treason or felony, plainly expressed on the commitment, whether the man was in execution or convict did not affect the question at all, because the act was only passed to regulate the issue of writs of habeas corpus and to prevent great delays and injustices which were practiced before the act, by persons to whom the writ was directed.

He Puisse Judge:—Have not all the points been before this Court.

Jurisdiction Challenged.

Mr. Jenkin:—The point argued by me was that the Attorney General, as part of his case, must prove a treaty or some other arrangement, whereby the court has jurisdiction. The point now is that I am going to challenge the jurisdiction, whatever the treaty.

The Chief Justice:—You are not going to contend that the Order Council in *ultra vires*?

Mr. Jenkin:—Yes; that is the whole point of the application. The Puisse Judge:—We, of course, had not the treaty before us, and had no knowledge of its contents, but we did define a British subject, and held in fact that the court had power to define what was meant by "British subject." It seems to me the point has been dealt with.

Mr. Jenkin:—I never argued that point. The only one I argued was that the Crown must prove jurisdiction, and you found the defence should prove jurisdiction. The Puisse Judge:—You suggested it; you mean you did not give it full argument.

Mr. Jenkin:—The learned Puisse Judge put it to me:—was I prepared to argue the point?—and I said I was not prepared.

The Chief Justice:—I thought you were coming into court armed with the treaty, to argue that the Order in Council was *ultra vires*, as being beyond the powers of the treaty.

Mr. Jenkin:—I am going to do that.

The Attorney General said that there were a great many cases in which that very point had been brought up, as to whether the court ought to grant a writ of *habeas corpus*, not on the merits, but when a person has been tried and found guilty. If they were of the opinion that they ought not to issue even a rule nisi, why in that case the subsequent argument would not matter at all.

The Chief Justice:—We propose to deal with the whole question now.

A Preliminary Point.
The Attorney General:—This is a preliminary point as to whether you ought to consider the question, whether the right of *habeas corpus* ought to be issued or not. The question is whether you ought to go into the question at all.

The Chief Justice remarked he had asked where there was authority, and what authority, it was, to show that the court could consider the question of an *habeas corpus* when there had been a conviction by a jury, and when the legal points raised by counsel for the defence had been gone into and decided by the Full Court.

The Attorney General:—I say you should not issue a rule nisi. We should never go into the argument.

A Protest.
Mr. Jenkin:—I am not quite conversant with the practice here. I should like to protest against the Attorney General being heard in what is always an *ex parte* application for the issue of an *habeas corpus* writ.

The Puisne Judge:—Is there any reason to show why in an *ex parte* application, the court may not call upon the Crown to be represented.

Mr. Jenkin:—I don't know, I am sure; I suppose the court has inherent power to do what it pleases in these matters.

"Two Fallacies."
Replying to the argument of Mr. Jenkin, the Attorney General said he thought his friend throughout had made two fallacies in his argument. He had endeavoured to make a distinction between a writ of *habeas corpus* at common law, and writs of *habeas corpus* under the statute. For purpose of his argument, there was no such difference at all, and he was quite prepared to accept whatever distinction there might be in his friend's favour. The second point was that he had not appreciated the very marked distinction which in fact existed between the possibility of granting a writ on commitment and after conviction. The general result of the whole thing came to this, that a court would not issue a writ of *habeas corpus* when the person who was brought up was under sentence, the court could not grant a writ of *habeas corpus* in circumstances such as that and if they could, ought not to grant it.

The Chief Justice said that Mr. Jenkin had conducted the case with remarkable ability. He thought under the circumstances they would have less hesitation in refusing to grant the rule. With regard to the question of leave to appeal, he thought all they had to do was to give leave to appeal and express the opinion that was a case of public importance.

The Attorney General having quoted several authorities on the question of leave to appeal, his Lordship remarked that he could sentence the prisoner and arrest the sentence.

Mr. Jenkin:—When you call upon the prisoner, I shall move for the arrest of judgment.

The Chief Justice:—I am not going to start another argument. On the resumption after tiffin, Mr. Jenkin said that he was apparently entitled, between the verdict and sentence, to move for arrest of judgment. He was entitled to do so where the court had no jurisdiction, where the facts pleaded, disclosed no incontestable offence, where material allegation, or necessary averment was omitted, where there was no certainty of the offence charged, and where the charge was not laid positively.

The Attorney General said his friend had no right to go into the question of jurisdiction. He had to show that the indictment on the face of it was wrong. He held there was nothing wrong with the indictment, and that was all his friend could deal with.

THE POKFULUM MURDER.

One Man discharged and one Detained.

The two Chinese named Mo Hung and Mo Kwai, who were originally charged with murdering ex-Jemadar Gulab, an employee of the Dairy Farm Co. some weeks ago, were again charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Defendants pleaded not guilty. Mr. Hodgson:—I wish to withdraw the charge against the defendant Mo Hung. Will your Worship fix a date for the hearing of the case against Mo Kwai?

His Worship:—How long will it take, two afternoons?—I think it will take about two afternoons, your Worship.

It will come after the robbery case that I have given up to the 3rd of January. I want to get it in for the January Sessions.

There will have to be two remands; I will remand it until the 23rd. Mo Hung is discharged and Mo Kwai remanded.

BLUEJACKET'S FATAL FALL.

An American bluejacket named Samuel Laurio belonging to the U. S. S. Wilmington, accompanied by three others, spent last night at the Victoria Boarding House and somehow fell over into the street. He was picked up at six o'clock this morning, in an unconscious condition and was removed to the hospital where he died fifty minutes later.

MADELINE.

Where'er thy feet have on this dull earth pressed,
Where'er thy rose-leaf hands have soft caressed,
Where'er thine eyes, as pansies flecked with dew,
Have turned their gaze
Thore, in thy praise,
Flowers newborn their richest fragrance strew
C. F. M.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Sequel to a Police Court Decision.

This morning their Lordships, the Chief Justice Mr. W. Rees Davies K.C., and the Puisne Judge, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, sitting in Appellate Jurisdiction heard an application in the case of Rex, by Mr. R. O. Hutchison v. Wong Hong.

Mr. Eldon Potter instructed by Mr. Reader Harris of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist appeared in support of the application which was made *ex parte*.

Mr. Potter said in that case he appeared for the applicant, to ask their Lordships, as they would see on the notice of motion, for an order calling upon Mr. C. D. Melbourne, and Mr. R. O. Hutchison to show cause why a certain plea of guilty entered in certain proceedings should not be expunged, and alternatively that Mr. Melbourne should rehear the case.

The applicant, Wong Hong, was charged under the opium ordinance; a plea of guilty was entered and he was convicted and fined.

The Chief Justice:—For what? Mr. Potter:—An offence under the opium Ordinance.

The Puisne Judge:—Exporting opium?

Mr. Potter:—Yes; it is a peculiar case. I don't think there has been one on all fours with it in the Colony.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that at the time of the proceedings, the man was not represented, but he had since instructed his solicitor that he did not plead guilty but on the question being put whether he was exporting opium, he replied:—"Yes, I was taking it to Yau-mai." The interpreter interpreted that as a plea of guilty and he was fined. Subsequently an application was made to Mr. Melbourne for a rehearing; this was refused, leave to appeal being granted. Leave appeal would be useless; there was nothing to appeal against.

The application was granted. Outward Bound.

Among the passengers expected from London by the s.s. *Mishima Maru* are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Bavis, Mr. J. Finlay Miller and Mr. P. H. Bolyak.

BOXING.

CORDELL DEFEATS A COUPLE OF MEN.

Referee's Error in Judgment.

The Skating Rink was well filled on Saturday evening, when Hughie Macintosh put a good programme of boxing before the patrons of the sport in Hongkong. It was well worth the money asked, to see Jack Cordell put out Gunner Yore and Sky Kerrison.

The former he put "paid" to in one minute and ten seconds without receiving a "solitary," and Sky Kerrison he played with until the fifth round when he got to work and did the needful.

Whatever inspired the referee to return the verdict of a draw in the Wilkes-Waterman fight one cannot say, Wilkes was the superior man in every round but the fifth when Waterman got in some smashing right punches after Wilkes had been on the boards for six seconds. But how was he put to the boards? Had Commander Bookwith, been the referee, one would have seen the contest stopped by the verdict being given in favour of Wilkes.

Waterman sent him to the boards with an unfair left. Wilkes has forgotten more of boxing than Waterman is ever likely to know. The latter might have a punch in his right, but there was not thing much doing in that line on Saturday.

The audience received the decision badly and there was some justification for this, so obviously faulty was the verdict. Finally a collection was made for Wilkes and \$41.40 subscribed. Waterman challenged Wilkes for a side stake of any amount (ories of "who is going to referee?") Wilkes said he was willing to accept Waterman's challenge "on condition I get a fair referee." Waterman showed further weakness when he exclaimed he would "box Wilkes, not run him a foot race." Thus did he indicate the superior ringcraft of Wilkes, and practically plead guilty to defeat.

In the Bux-Dean bout, Bux was given all he could do to win. Bux is certainly quicker than Dean at the moment, but the day is not very far distant when he will take defeat at Dean's hands if the latter can only get a good coach. Bux was nearly out once, and had Dean been a little quicker the result would have been in his favour. Bux is far from a clean fighter and hugged whenever he got the opportunity. Kid Marriott was well beaten by Smith, and Worthington trounced Williams.

The boxing was good on the whole and Wilkes is the prettiest boxer we have seen in the Colony for some considerable time.

Marriott v. Smith.
Kid Marriott ex-leather Weight Champion 120lbs. met Pie Smith D.C.L.I. 118lbs. in an eight round contest.

First Round: Both men exchanged evenly after the shake. Marriott then landed a left and right. Smith covered his jaw closely and shook Marriott with a fierce left jab.

Second and Third round: Marriott had the better of these rounds and got in a smashing right hook to the jaw that caused Smith some trouble. Marriott's left was also very useful.

Fourth Round: Marriott slipped, spread-eagled his legs and kept down for eight seconds. From a right hook he went down for nine, and from another similar hook went down again but the gong saved him.

Fifth Round: Marriott fought fresh again and after scoring with his left got in another right swing. Marriott was again cautioned for running in with head down.

Sixth Round: Smith led cleverly with the left, putting Marriott to the boards for eight.

Seventh and Eighth Rounds: Marriott in the seventh round seemed to make up some leeway with his left and commenced straight right punching with effect. In the eighth round Marriott went down for four to a right. Later Smith slipped from Marriott's right swing and, bringing in his left, put Marriott down for five, the round ending before he was counted out. Smith got the verdict.

Williams v. Worthington.
Frank Williams of Manila 145 lbs. met Pie Worthington (Continued on page 10).



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Police Raid a House in Wanchai.

The two Chinese found in possession of arms and ammunition in Wanchai, were again brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this afternoon. Mr. C. F. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist defended.

Sergeant Ogg spoke to visiting a house in Stone Nallah Lane on the 8th inst. When he went to the door someone looked through a peep hole. There was a lot of running about inside. The detectives along with him called upon the inmates to open the door several times but they would not. Eventually the door was forced open. The first defendant ran into the cook house and tried to get down a spout. The second defendant had the automatic revolver (produced) in his hand. Witness caught this defendant on the verandah.

Witness also sent two detectives downstairs to catch the first defendant. The latter was captured by C. O. 163. The house was then searched and underneath a bed at the back of some firewood there were three loaded revolvers.

His Worship on examining one of the revolvers said that, according to some Chinese characters on it, it belonged to a policeman in Canton; his number, 272, was on it.

Witness continuing, said that the two formidable knives produced were also found amongst the firewood. He also found some tools likely to be used for burglarious purposes.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

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Destination.	Steamers and Displacement.	Sailing Dates.
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID ...	TANGO MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, T. 13,500	WEDNESDAY, 18th December at Daylight.
EUROPE & C.....	KAMO MARU, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YAMAGUCHI ...	AWA MARU, Capt. Shimidzu, T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ...	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 9,500	FRIDAY, 20th Dec. at Noon.
YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 7,000		WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 7,000		WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	MISHIMA MARU, Capt. E. A. Moros, T. 16,000	THURSDAY, 19th Dec., at daylight.
CALCUTTA via S'PORE, Penang and Rangoon ...	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Kawashima, T. 6,000	SATURDAY, 28th Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Tozawa, T. 12,000	MONDAY, 23rd Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, T. 12,500	MONDAY, 23rd Dec.
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Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	18,500	21st May.

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Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
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Sado Maru	12,500	14th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.

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Hongkong 7th December, 1912.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
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Tijlilong	JAVA	1st half Dec.	JAPAN	1st half Dec.
Tijlilong	JAPAN	1st half Dec.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Dec.
Tijlilong	JAPAN	2nd half Dec.	JAVA	2nd half Dec.
Tijlilong	JAPAN	2nd half Dec.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tijlilong	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	11,000	W. W. Greene	Dec. 21st, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	21,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 11th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Jan. 17th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Feb. 11th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The steamer "Chiyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 21st Dec., at Noon.

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The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1913, at Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing.
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913.
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Nile	11,000						
Mongolia	27,000						
Persia	9,000						
Korea	18,000						

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The well-known Warrack Line Braemar, says the "Japan Chronicle," is shortly to be transferred to the Japanese flag, having been sold through Messrs. Samuel & Co., of Kobe. This firm has also disposed of the Bombay and Persia Steam Navigation Co.'s str. Nasser, to Hokkaido buyers.

Rangoon as a Port.

During the year the port of Rangoon was visited by 1,390 steamers and 121 sailing vessels, the majority of the steamers belonging, of course, to the B. I. S. N. Co. The total tonnage of incoming steamers was 2,630,692, an increase over the previous year of 85,526 tons, by way of accommodation for which two new berths were laid and a fixed mooring berth was laid for the British Burma Petroleum Company's oil steamers. It may be remembered that a deep channel had formed of itself to the west of Hastings Shoal and Liffey Island which it was hoped might remain open permanently; but during the year shoaling took place again making it clear that expensive dredging cannot be avoided to keep a permanently open channel. The channels at the mouth of the river, however, remained steady. Twenty-three casualties to shipping occurred during the year, all of a minor kind and not resulting in any material damage. Under the head of "Traffic Department" the report contains what appeared to us an extraordinary statement—"Nearly 95 per cent. of the staple exports from Rangoon factories were shipped into vessels lying in the stream, without passing over the Commissioners' premises. On the other hand, over half of the staples which undergo no process of manufacture in Rangoon, i.e. pulse paddy, millet, lead, cotton, grain, tobacco, groundnuts, etc., were shipped over the Commissioners' wharves or jetties. With the development of private foreshore properties and godowns it may be anticipated this proportion will decrease." Shipping goods without passing over the Port Commissioners' premises obviously exempts them from all port dues; and if this is so we have the anomaly of a Trust spending vast sums in making a river fit for heavy trade while most of the trade takes advantage of the improvements without contributing to their cost.

Among Engineering works, besides the River Training Works, the one of most importance is No. 1 berth of the Sule Pagoda wharf which was completed during the year, being the last of a series of port works sanctioned in 1904 at an estimate of Rs. 111 lakhs. This series comprises—

(1) erection of a depot for the inland vessels trade equipped with four double bridge floating pontoon landing stages with godowns, river wall and new roads. This inland trade in 1911-12 yielded a total gross revenue to the Commissioners of Rs. 2,085,700;

(2) construction of two import wharves aggregating 2,800 feet in length with dredged depth alongside of 26 feet below water, and fully equipped with shed accommodation, hydraulic cranes, roads, railway sidings, etc.;

(3) erection of a hydraulic power station and provision of machinery;

(4) provision of a combined bucket and suction pump dredger and barge.

As regards the River Training Works 75 per cent. of the mattress foundation work has been completed and 3.12 million cubic feet of stone has been deposited on the wall and apron. The Government of India has now sanctioned the revised estimate of Rs. 160 lakhs, out of which Rs. 92 lakhs were expended up to 31st March last, the expenditure of the year under report being Rs. 13.34 lakhs. This great work is at present absorbing the whole attention of the Commissioners who wisely consider that until its completion no other enterprise, unless of great urgency, should be embarked on by them.

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Company.	Closing Quotations.	Dollar.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Alor Gajah	3.05	3.20		
Ayer Kuning	0.75	0.80		
Ayer Molek	2.85	2.95		
Ayer Panas	7.75	8.25		
Balgownie	7.20	7.70		
Bukit	0.52 1/2	0.60		
Jelutong	0.30	0.50		
Bukit Katil	0.08	0.87 1/2		
Bukit K. B.	1.05	1.12 1/2		
Bukit Timah	18.00	10.75		
Changkat				
Serdang	6.75	7.10		
Glenealy	1.40	1.50		
Haytor	0.15	0.20 p.m.		
Indragiri	8.00	9.00		
Jimah	0.47 1/2	0.52 1/2		
Kedah	2.30	2.60		
Kelantan	1.50	1.35 Dis		
Kompas	3.40	3.50		
Kuala Sawah	0.40	0.50		
Lunas	2.20	2.60		
Malaka Pinda	1.52 1/2	1.60 c.d.		
Malakoff	2.50	2.65		
Mandakong	0.62 1/2	0.67 1/2		
Mergui	2.30	2.45		
Nellmay	0.35	0.45		
Now Serendah	2.55	2.70		
Nyilas	0.40	0.47 1/2		
Pajum	14.75	15.25		
Pantai	1.27 1/2	1.35		
Puangor	0.75	0.80		
Radella	12.50	14.00		
Sanycroft	12.75	13.75		
Sambrook	0.37 1/2	0.42 1/2		
Sungei Bagan	1.30	1.40		
Tambak	0.75	0.80		
Tupah	13.70	14.00		
Tolak Anson	7.25	7.50		
Trefalgar	1.20	1.25		
Trafalgar (Coconut crop)				
Ulu Pandan	0.72 1/2	0.80		
United Malacca	1.02 1/2	1.10		
Sterling				
Allagar	2/9	3/3		
Anglo-Java	7/3	8/1		
Batang Malaka	2/4	2/7 1/2		
Bukit Kajang	13.2 1/2	13.7 1/2		
Bukit Mertajam	2/8	3/1 1/2		
Bukit Som				
batavia	1/11	2/1		
Choroneuse				
(F.M.S.)	3/2	3/6		
Chitimpul	1/24	1/4 1/2		
Duff Develop				
mont.Co.	12/4	13/3		
Hajop	6/10 1/2	7/0		
Heawood	4/2	4/6		
Highland				
Lowlands	11.00	11.10		
Jasin	1/10	2/1		
Kamuning				
(Perak)	4/4 1/2	5/1		
Kopiagalla	20/3	22/5		
Kota Tinggi	2/3	2/7 1/2		
Eabu				
(F.M.S.)	9/4 1/2	10/6		
Lumut	11.14.0	11.17.6		
Malacca (7 1/2)				
Prof.	11.10.0	11.25.0		
Malacca				
(Ordinary)	11.10.0	11.25.0		
Morlimau	4/1	4/4 1/2		
Nordalun	11.00	11.11.6		
Padang Jawa	2/7 1/2	3/1		
Pegoh	11.20.0	11.20.0		
Rombia	11.20.0	11.7.5		
Rubber Estates of				
Krian	3/3 1/2	3/6		
Sapong	11.1.0	11.2.6		
Singapore Para				
Rubber	3.1	3.7 1/2		
Singapore United	2.2	2.3 1/2		
Straits Borneo	4/6	5/1		
United Temiang	1/3	1/0		
United Temiang	0/6	0/3 dis.		
Mining.				
Belat	3.00	3.30		
Buang, Lt.	1.40	1.60		
Kampar	nom.			
Kanaboi, Ltd.	2.30	2.50		
Kinta Association, Ltd.	14.40	14.85		
Kinta Tin Mines	34/1	37/8		
Kledang				
Lahat	38/1	34/8		
Middleton	14.00	15.00		
New French				
Tekka	f.1,000	1,300		
New Tambun	nom.			
Pahang Consolidated	10/7 1/2	12/1		
Pengkalen	9/6	10/6		
Pusing Bahr	9/1	11/7 1/2		
Pusing Lima	3/9	4/0		
Rahman Hydraulic	0.50	11.00		
Rahman Tin Co.	21.00	22.50		
Rambutan	8.50			
Raub	3.75	4.00		
Rodhilla	1.25	2.00		
Royal Johore	1.15	1.35		
Selangor River	nom.	nom.		
Sempam	nom.			
Serendah				
Hydraulic	1.50	2.10		
Sungei Gau	12.50	13.75		
Tekka, Ltd.	68/3	73/1		
Ting Kil	10.25	11.00		
Tongkah				
Timbour	15.00	16.50		
Tonoh	70/1	77/0		

November Rubber Returns.
Rembia.—7,080 lbs.
Lendu.—2,820 lbs.
Krubong.—3,000 lbs.
Permas.—5,314 lbs.
Majedie.—2,400 lbs.
Jimah.—2,350 lbs.
Straits Rubber Co.—130,000 lbs.

Rubana.—32,000 lbs.
Tali Ayer.—38,000 lbs.
Batin Serai.—10,250 lbs.
Batin Habit.—7,750 lbs.
Lumut.—19,450 lbs.
Samatra Para.—40,000 lbs.
Rubber Company of Malay.—9,006 lbs.

Anglo-Johore.—6,669 lbs., total to date 41,704 lbs., corresponding period last year 4,558 lbs.
Beverly.—13,770 lbs., total to date 10 months 131,222 lbs.
Blackwater.—11,854 lbs., total to date 10 months 87,724 lbs.
Bukit Panjong.—13,337 lbs., total to date 10 months 103,193 lbs.

Colconda.—26,451 lbs., total to date 11 months 237,037 lbs.
Kapar Para.—44,575 lbs., total to date 11 months 456,655 lbs.
Ulu Kuantan.—20,516 lbs., total to date 11 months 183,166 lbs.
Seremban.—46,249 lbs., total to date 11 months 397,589 lbs.
Selangor United.—4,091 lbs., total to date 8 months 29,734 lbs.

Consolidated Rubber Estates.—3,597 lbs., total for first eleven months of the year 10,553 lbs.
Sungei Choh.—17,392 lbs., total to date 11 months 153,661 lbs.
Langat River.—11,697 lbs., total to date 11 months 92,614 lbs.
Sungei Kapar.—16,000 lbs., total to date 11 months 403,200 lbs.
Sungei Salak.—25,482 lbs., total to date 11 months 217,732 lbs.
Dusun Durian.—15,563 lbs., total to date 11 months 125,289 lbs.

Jeram.—9,509 lbs., total to date 8 months 56,484 lbs.
Ayer Hitam.—2,905 lbs., total to date 8 months 16,112 lbs.
United Sumatra.—21,000 lbs., for 11 months 175,200 lbs.

PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS.
No Successor to Mr. Elliott.

That President Taft has decided to refrain, for the present at least, from appointing a successor to Mr. Charles B. Elliott, member of the Philippine Commission and secretary of commerce and police, is the official announcement made by the executive bureau, and coupled with it is the suggestion that he will leave the appointment to President-elect Wilson.

The official announcement, made was as follows:
"We have official advice that President Taft has decided, for the present at least, not to appoint a secretary of commerce and police to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Elliott."
"It is presumed that this decision has been reached in order that Mr. Wilson may be given a free hand to choose the man whom he desires for this position."

That this would be the course adopted by the President has been suggested several times during the last few days by the "Manila Times." Mr. Elliott's resignation does not become effective until February 1, a few days after a bare month before the Taft administration ceases and gives place to the Wilson regime. It is clear that if the appointment were regarded as political or the appointee were unsatisfactory to the President-elect his tenure would be brief and there is also the possibility that the Senate might refuse to confirm an eleventh hour appointee. These reasons, it is believed here, impressed themselves on the President and resolved his course.

The office is being administered by Commissioner Branganza and there is therefore no loss to the service or the public interest by deferring the appointment.

Chinese Home Loan.
The question of the six per cent. Home Loan has been handed over to the National Council for discussion and passing, reports a telegram to the "Shenpaoo." The total amount of the loan is fixed at \$60,000,000, to be secured on the land-tax of the whole nation and to be redeemed in forty years. It is confidently expected that this proposal will be passed in view of the present situation.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1912.

Notices

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1912, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one far their term of 75 years.

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 15 min.

3.00 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. " 10 min.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.20 p.m. every 15 minutes.

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7.00 a.m.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. " 15 min.

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 10 min.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. " 15 min.

4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.

7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

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EIGHT Famines, Districts with an area of 80,000 square miles.

BOXING.

(Continued from page 5).

K.O.Y.L.I., 140 lbs., in an eight round contest.

Worthington scored repeatedly with straight lefts and once negotiated a dangerous right. Williams went in a pretty left. The latter sought the knock-out and boxed carelessly. In the third round Worthington caught Williams napping once with a right upper-cut and for the remainder of the round Williams was very weak. Then Williams scored three times with his left before Worthington made his man see stars with a fierce left to the chin. Worthington's right upper-cut was Williams' undoing, the former doing all the leading. Worthington in the last round made the pace hot for Williams, but missed many self made opportunities. Worthington was declared the winner.

Waterman v. Wilkes.

In an eight round contest Joe Waterman, Manila 141 lbs., fought Pte Wilkes K. O. Y. L. I. 140 lbs. Wilkes did all the leading and narrowly missed a tale-telling left swing. Wilkes scored with another left swing and then feinting for a right swing landed a good left to the stomach. Wilkes severely punished Waterman with left and right to the jaw and a smashing left to the stomach. Wilkes sent in both right and left with plugging frequency, and, fighting with both hands, put points up at every turn. In the fifth round Waterman commenced to wake up and with a low left put Wilkes down for s.e. Wilkes came again however, and by clever foot work dodged punishment. In the sixth round a fair body punch from Wilkes made Waterman protest. The round fell to Wilkes as did most of the others. Wilkes kept fresh in the seventh round and despite a good right that Waterman got in, Wilkes was all over him. In the last round Wilkes was all over his man again and was easily on points though the referee declared the result a draw.

Bux v. Dean.

In an eight round contest Joe Dean B.M.S. Kent 125 lbs., in an eight round bout. The first round was fairly even, Bux having the balance in points. Bux had to accept a couple of right hooks from Dean, though the former was quicker and countered well. The third round was Dean's, his left jabs counting. Bux eventually got going and scored quickly with left and right to the face. Dean again kept his left well occupied and scored with it frequently. In the fifth round Bux was cautioned for holding and his blows were dangerously low. Dean gave him all he wanted with his clever left. The sixth round went to Dean easily, Bux appearing to lose his temper. The seventh round was fairly even though Bux got through in consequence of Dean becoming careless with his guard. In the last round the honours were fairly even. Bux who scored earlier in the contest had a very slight reserve of points and was declared the winner.

Cordell v. Yore.

Jack Cordell, middle weight champion of the Orient, knocked out Gunner Yore R.C.A., middle weight champion of North China, in one minute and ten seconds of a ten round contest. From the preliminary exchange it was plain to be seen that Cordell having another man to meet after this bout was not to accept any more punishment from Yore than he could help. Cordell walked his man round the ring and flung him in the left hand corner by putting his left to his stomach, tapped his jaw with a left jab and rung down the curtain with a right hook characterised more by neatness than violence. It was splendidly measured and timed, and the gunner was "sent to the sports." Cordell only delivered three punches and Yore never even countered the first. Cordell, however, injured his one finger and faced the next bout thus handicapped.

Cordell v. Kerrison.

Jack Cordell then had a "bundle in" with Sky Kerrison in a contest billed to go ten rounds. First Round: Cordell displayed very little anxiety to hurry matters. Kerrison was permit-

ted to put a left to Cordell's chin. Cordell cut the air with a right hook that seemed intended for that purpose.

Second Round: Cordell still took a feeler at Kerrison, but the latter, having landed his left twice, seemed to believe that his man was not too clever, and got careless with his defence. Cordell put a check to his cocksureness by tapping his kidney. Kerrison then got a left to the chin that Cordell in truth was not expecting. For a moment Cordell looked a bit lost and Kerrison planted a left and right as the going sounded.

Third Round: Kerrison came with a rattle with left and right. Cordell made a bid to end the sketch, with a similar right hook to that which put Yore in Wonderland, but missed. Cordell later planted a left to the stomach and was about to follow up with the left and right that won him the first battle when the going sounded.

Fourth Round: Cordell could have put an end to the encounter when he trapped Kerrison with his left as he ducked from a right hook, and pressing the head down with the left could have put one at the back of Sky's neck that would have left him uneasy for the remainder of the week-end. The right went up in the air and everybody thought it was coming down like a stone hammer when Cordell halted, and smiling at his seconds walked back to the centre of the ring.

Fifth Round: The three-punch arrangement with which Cordell beat Yore—left to the stomach, a quick left on to the chin and then a typhoon right hook, appeared to be the suit in which he was going to dress Kerrison. The left went out twice to the face playfully, a quick slip back from intangling counters twice brought Kerrison nicely on to him if he had wished to pay attention to his stomach. Later, on the ropes, Cordell tickled Kerrison's nose with a gentle one. Kerrison tried to counter, Cordell slipped back and then bringing the first punch of the series to the stomach brought Kerrison's chin just where he wanted it for a quick up-coming left, and Sky was in the company of the fairies and nymphs. There was no necessity for the final instalment, the two punches were enough. Kerrison slipped along the ropes as though they were magnetised, and Cordell walked to his corner almost without having turned a hair.

THE SIAK CASE.

Mr. J. E. Bingham appeared in the British Supreme Court Shanghai on the 10th inst. as defendant in an action arising out of the Siak case. The plaintiff was Mr. P. H. Martin. Mr. W. R. Brandt appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. C. E. Douglas for defendant. Plaintiff's claim was for the payment of Tls. 450 being the dividend declared in the liquidation of the company on one hundred shares in the name of F. R. Vida and assigned by him to the plaintiff, and all other dividends due thereon.

The alternative was the claim of the same sum as damages for wrongful refusal to pay such dividends or on account of the damages sustained by the plaintiff thereby. Mr. Douglas said the question was whether the defendant ought to pay the dividend on such shares and suggested that there should be an order for pleadings. He expected, when his friend had filed, that they might agree as to the statement of facts on which to try the issue. In answer to His Lordship who asked if the case was in the nature of a test action, Mr. Brandt said that he understood claims of a similar nature might be forthcoming. Pleadings were ordered to be made.—"China Press."

Drowned.

The body of a man aged about 45 years was found under Hoi On wharf yesterday. Death was apparently due to drowning.

Stolen Boots.

A man who broke into the stores of Messrs. Cherry and Co. and stole therefrom twelve pairs of boots valued \$180, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and four strokes, by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Chiyo-maru.
Swatow, s.s. Hangsang.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London <td>Shanghai</td>	Shanghai
Nov. 29	Dec. 24
Nov. 30	Dec. 16

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Anhui, 18th inst.
English, Delta, 20th inst.
American, Awa-maru, 22nd inst.

The Amazone with the French Mail leaves Saigon on Sunday the 15th instant at 5.30 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight.

The Anhui as expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th inst. with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Wednesday the 27th ult.

The Delta with the English Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 14th inst. at 6 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Friday the 20th inst. at 6 a.m. This packet brings the Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th November and for despatch overland on the 20th November.

The Awa Maru is expected to arrive here on Sunday the 22nd inst. with the American Mail ex Nila.

The parcels by the incoming English Mail Delta, due here on Friday next, will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 11 a.m. on Saturday the 21st inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Fort Bayard—Per Kwongchow, 17th Dec. 8 a.m.

Siam—Per Fritjof, 17th Dec. 9 a.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 17th Dec. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe—Per Pembroke, 17th Dec. 9 a.m.

Siam—Per Fritjof, 17th Dec. 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongchow, 17th Dec. 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Liongshing, 17th Dec. 10 a.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per Fausling, 17th Dec. 10 a.m.

Siam—Per Haldie, 17th Dec. 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseille (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

—Per Ernest Simons, 17th Dec. 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 17th Dec. 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 17th Dec. 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 17th Dec. 3 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Nishu Maru, 17th Dec. 5 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Tang, Maru, 17th Dec. 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong—Per Si-kiang, 18th Dec. 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 18th Dec. 9 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatsing, 18th Dec. 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Yawata Maru, 18th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Amazone, 18th Dec. 4 p.m.

Samarang—Per Childir, 19th Dec. 11 a.m.

Sandakan—Per Mausang, 19th Dec. 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chinhuu, 19th Dec. 3 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Upada, 19th Dec. 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 19th Dec. 5 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatsing, 20th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Delta, 20th Dec. 5 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 21st Dec. 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Liangchow, 21st Dec. 5 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Heimdal, Nor. s.s., 762, J. A. Johnsen, 14th Dec.—Haiphong 12th Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Kauchow, Br. s.s., 1,217, Monkman, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Siam, Br. s.s., Br. s.s., 992, Pryom, 14th Dec.—Port Courbet 11th Dec., Coal.—Order.

Changechow, Br. s.s., 1,203, Trowbridge, 14th Dec.—Tientsin 8th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Maehew, Br. s.s., 395, 995, Zellmer, 14th Dec.—Ballast.—B. & S.

Childar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, Flojortor, 14th Dec.—Surabaya 4th Dec., Sugar.—T. & Co.

Novara, Br. s.s., 4,249, Hetherington, 14th Dec.—London 2nd Nov., Gen.—P. & O.

Sabine Rickmers, Nor. s.s., 573, Vries, 14th Dec.—Amoy 12th Dec., Ballast.—A. P. & Co.

Erviken, Nor. s.s., 1,400, Angensen, 14th Dec.—Port Arthur 8th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Liberia, Ger. s.s., Schroeder, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 11th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Dagny, Nor. s.s., 882, P. Selveson, 14th Dec.—Hongay 11th Dec., Coal.—A. T. & Co.

Lovat, Br. s.s., 3,900, R. Eligg, 14th Dec.—Liverpool 26th Oct., Gen.—D. & Co.

Tientsin, Br. s.s., 1,128, Robertson, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.

Varg, Nor. s.s., 874, Rasmussen, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast.—A. T. & Co.

Toonam, Chi. s.s., 942, W. Wilkes, 15th Dec.—Shanghai and Swatow 12th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 15th Dec.—Swatow 14th Dec., Gen.—P. L. & Co.

Chinhua, Br. s.s., 1,349, Benson, 15th Dec.—Shanghai 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,646, A. C. A. Corneek, 15th Dec.—Sandakan 10th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Paklat, Br. s.s., 1,018, J. Wenbel, 15th Dec.—Hongay 12th Dec., Coal.—B. & S.

Si Kiang, Fr. s.s., 1,015, Catalano, 15th Dec.—Rice, Haiphong 14th Dec., Gen.—M. M.

Landrat Scheiff, Ger. s.s., Brugger, 16th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., Rice.—Chinese.

Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 16th Dec.—San Francisco 15th Nov. Mail and Gen.—T. K. K.

Kwongsang, Br. s.s., 3,061, W. F. Richard, 16th Dec.—Pembroke 15th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 15.

Sabine Rickmers, for Canton.

Mexican Prince, for Shanghai.

Tientsin, for Hongay.

Changechow, for Canton.

Dec. 16.

Toonam, for Shanghai.

Liberia, for Hamburg.

Dagny, for Canton.

Chihli, for Canton.

Hangsang, for Canton.

Tungwah, for Canton.

Erviken, for Canton.

Pembroke, for Shanghai.

Sai Nam, for Canton.

Novara, for Yokohama.

Loksang, for Canton.

Lionsing, for Shanghai.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 15.

Linan, for Shanghai.

Daigi-maru, for Tamsui.

St. Albans, for Shanghai.

Sungkiang, for Haiphong.

Novara, for Canton.

Yushun, for Canton.

Kamchow, for Canton.

Dec. 16.

Toonam, for Canton.

Dagny, for Canton.

Tientsin, for Canton.

Paklat, for Canton.

Siam, for Canton.

Kourak, for Odessa.

Carl Diederichsen, for Haiphong.

Telemachos, for Saigon.

Heimdal, for Haiphong.

Helene, for Tamsui.

Hanoi, for Haiphong.

Helene, for Tamsui.

Hongbee, for Amoy.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, November 15.

Arrivals from China—Hitachi Maru, Yunnan.

The following vessels have passed the Canal—Benlawers, Canton, Nera, Pembroke, Ping Suey, Demodocus.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th at 11.15.—A depression which formed over S.W. Japan yesterday has deepened and travelled Eastward. It is now central to the S. of Kochi. An anticyclone appears to be forming over China.

Pressure is inclined to give way over N. Luzon and S. Formosa.

The monsoon will probably freshen along the E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON, TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong & Neighbourhood. N. winds moderate; fine.

2 Formosa Channel. Northerly gale.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

15th December, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Wostock	7	30.21	4	90	ne	4	b
Nemuro	6	30.12	—	—	n	1	—
Hakodate	—	30.09	—	—	n	0	—
Tokio	—	29.99	—	—	nw	1	—
Kochi	—	29.86	—	—	sw	1	—
Nagasaki	—	29.93	—	—	nw	1	—
Kishimido	—	29.88	—	—	n	0	—
Oshima	—	29.97	—	—	n	12	—
Naha	—	30.05	—	—	w	2	—
Ishijima	—	30.09	—	—	n	1	—
Bonin Is.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chefoo	—	30.1436	70	nnw	5	b	—
Whaiwai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	—	30.2838	91	nw	3	o	—
Kiukiang	—	30.0241	—	—	nw	7	om
Shanghai	—	7	30.2458	—	n	1	o
Sharp P.	—	6	30.2560	—	0	o	—
Amoy	—	7	30.1557	81	n	1	c
Swatow	—	5	30.16	—	nw	2	—
Taihou	—	30.11	—	—	n	4	—
Taihu	—	30.08	—	—	n	8	—
Tainan	—	30.06	—	—	n	4	—
Koshun	—	30.12	—	—	n	8	—
Plores	—	9	30.3053	73	n	2	c
H'kong	—	6	30.1759	64	n	1	h
V. Peak	—	7	—	—	nnw	1	—
Gap Rock	—	6	30.15	—	nw	4	b
Macao	—	30.1855	—	—	nw	2	c
Wuchow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hollow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	6	30.2061	—	one	4	c
Phulien	—	30.1072	—	—	e	2	c
Tourane	—	29.9972	—	—	enc	2	c
C. St. J.	—	29.99	—	—	s	o	b
Aparri	—	29.97	—	—	o</		